

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

ARTS / EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2018

CENTER HOURS: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. ARTISAN CAFÉ: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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LOBBY EXHIBIT

“Ray Papka – Juxtapositions”

May 5 – October 31, 2018

This exhibit features mixed media artist Ray Papka whose works combine assemblage, encaustic painting, use of books as substrates and a wide array of intricate embellishments. Papka generates layers of information and mystery from his observations, events and the influence of science in his life.

With degrees in zoology, chemistry, anatomy and neuroscience, Papka brings the discipline of science and his ability to hone in on a subject directly to his artwork. Beginning with an idea, he selects objects from his vast collection and builds upon this idea with objects, layers of wax, pigment and imagery.



“Leonardo’s Journal” by Ray Papka

Papka’s background travels and experiences have been wide and varied. He has taught at numerous universities in the U.S. including 10 years at the University of Kentucky, as well as Universities in Denmark and Hungary.

Papka’s intellectual process influences how he creates his artwork.

“He is a deep thinker,” states journalist Austyn Gaffney, “and he works through his own thoughts, memories, hopes and fears when he creates his pieces.”

Papka states, “From my early childhood I have been fascinated with books and unusual objects. My love of books influenced my decision to recycle them in an altered form and I continually utilize themes involving text.”

GALLERY EXHIBITION

“Show & Tell: 15 Years”

Now through August 31, 2018

The Kentucky Artisan Center celebrates 15 years in 2018, and this exhibit recognizes the contributions of 39 artists from all across the state. Over the years, these artists have shared their talents by giving demonstrations at the Center and bringing the creative process to life.

The exhibit, which runs through August 31, features new works, biographies, photos and videos about these artists. From 2003 to 2008, demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center were held on Fridays and Saturdays, and in 2009, Saturday became the demonstration day. Since 2003, the Center has offered 1,040 artist demonstrations!

All artists in this exhibit have demonstrated at the Center for eight or more years. The Kentucky Artisan Center created this exhibit to acknowledge these talented artists for their educational demonstrations over the years and to celebrate the Center's 15th Anniversary year.



Photos, left to right: "Celtic Cross" by Jerry Cooper; "Mercer County Farm" by Marianna McDonald; Green Teal Hen and Mallard hen wooden duck decoys by Bob Gibson

DEMONSTRATIONS – EVENTS

A SUMMER MIX

JUNE DEMONSTRATIONS CELEBRATE ECLECTIC ART

June 2– Saturday

Handmade Books Created by Whitney Withington

The month of June begins with a demonstration **June 2**, by Whitney Withington, of Big Hill, who joins recycled wood, decorative handmade papers, waxed linen threads and hand-torn archival pages with Coptic stitch binding. Her journals are one-of-a-kind books that offer creative space for people's drawings and stories.



Photos, left to right: Handmade books by Whitney Withington; Withington demonstrating at the Kentucky Artisan Center

June 9– Saturday

Berea Potter John Martin Demonstrates on the Potter's Wheel

On Saturday, **June 9**, studio potter John Martin, of Berea, will demonstrate pottery on the wheel. Martin's pottery forms are voluminous and the layered glazes create visual depth and rich colors. Come watch as Martin throws clay on the potter's wheel to create beautiful clay forms.

Martin states, "I love the ancient process of pottery making, a process that creates a rich surface of atmospheric markings of fire."



Photos, left to right: Martin throwing a vase; Pottery by John Martin

June 16– Saturday

Woodcarvers – ‘Cut it Up’ at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, **June 16**, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will be on hand to demonstrate their individual carving techniques and talk with visitors. These Central-Kentucky artisans demonstrate on the third Saturday of every month at the Kentucky Artisan Center.



Photos, left to right: Carved spoons by Will Bondurant; Oris Stanton talks with a young visitor; carved Santa ornament by David Buzzard of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers

June 23– Saturday

Berea Watercolor Artist to Demonstrate at the Center

Berea artist, Robert Berger, will demonstrate his many watercolor techniques on Saturday, **June 23** at the Center. Berger, who has a studio/gallery in Old Town, Berea, enjoys painting trains and subjects with a history. He often depicts buildings and sometimes paints the galaxy as seen through telescopes.



Watercolor painting by Robert Berger "L & N # 779" ; Berger shown demonstrating watercolor painting at the Center

June 30– Saturday

Al Wentzel to Demonstrate Leatherworks at Center

The final demonstration in June will be by leather artist Al Wentzel, of Crab Orchard, on Saturday, **June 30**. Wentzel creates leather wallets and belts, often tooling designs into them and braiding them together with thin strips of leather. A new artist to the Center, this is Wentzel's first time demonstrating.



Photos, Left to Right: Biker's wallet, belted sunglasses case and two embellished men's wallets by Al Wentzel

Celebrating its 15th year of operation, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located just off Interstate 75 at Exit 77. The center's exhibit, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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